"In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45."

On behalf of NOSORH we would like to nominate Boni Ellis for a position on the USAC Board of Directors. The position we are nominating her for is Representative for rural health care providers that are eligible to receive discounts.

Boni has been involved with the RHCD program, in one form or another, since its inception. She is an advocate for Rural Health and would bring tremendous knowledge to this position. Boni is rural friendly and possess a passion for maintaining rural health as a viable option.

It is with great pleasure that I make this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Berens, President of NOSORH